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LOYAL DAUGHTERS ATTAIN OBJECT IN RAISING SHAFT TO SOUTH'S HEROES

After Three Years Sufficient Fund For a Monument at Clinton was Raised by Stephen D. Lee Chapter, U. D. C. How the campaign was conducted.

Clinton, January 17.—The erection of a Confederate monument on the public square of Clinton was the first and dearest aim of the ladies of Clinton who organized the Stephen D. Lee chapter, U. D. C.

The first observance of memorial day ever held in this town was under the auspices of this chapter May 11, 1907; and it was a red-letter day in the history of the town. On that day, unsolicited, three gentlemen turned over to the president of the chapter the nest eggs of the monument fund. Mr. Watts W. Davis was the first, and his dollar heads a long list of contributions. The second contributor was Mr. R. Z. Wright, and Dr. J. W. Davis was third. After that the fund grew fast. The ladies of the chapter organized plans for a series of those efforts to minister to the inner man by which women everywhere raise their gifts to public undertakings. They also assessed themselves a dollar a year, until the monument should be paid for, in addition to regular dues.

In Dec. 1907 the chapter reported, in its first report to the general convention, \$400.26 on the monument fund. After the first year the fund grew more slowly, but by the beginning of 1910 the members saw the end clear before them and resolved to order the monument.

Agents from a number of companies came before them and submitted designs. The ladies finally settled on the Walling Granite Company of Rion, S. C., partly because they preferred South Carolina stone, but chiefly at the request of Mr. J. C. Smith, a marble dealer of this town, who purchases from the Walling Granite Company. Mr. Smith offered to forego his commission and staked his reputation on the satisfactory filling of the order if it were awarded to his company. Mr. Smith is a member of R. S. Owens Camp of veterans and the ladies welcomed his cooperation.

The order for the monument was

given in August, 1910. It was hoped that the unveiling exercises and presentation to the town could be held Thanksgiving Day, but the contractors found it impossible to get it ready. Then Secession Day, Dec. 20th, was considered. But the ceremonies were not arranged, for fear the work would not be completed in time. And it was on Dec. 21st, 1910 at noon that the monument was formally delivered into the possession of the Stephen D. Lee chapter.

The committee to whom the securing of designs and the purchase were entrusted consisted of the following: Mrs. P. McD. Kennedy, chairman, Mrs. J. I. Copeland, Mrs. W. B. Farr, Mrs. B. L. King, Mrs. R. L. Wright, Miss Maude Pearson. These ladies, together with the president of Stephen D. Lee chapter, Mrs. W. B. Owens, and Mrs. A. E. Spencer, treasurer, inspected the work and expressed their satisfaction and pride in it. The formal acceptance papers were signed and the first payment was made by the treasurer, \$1,000 in cash and notes for \$600.00.

Description of Monument.

The monument is made of Wimsboro granite. Rising from a nine foot base a square shaft rises twenty-nine feet in the air and upholds in a crown of laurel a cannon ball. Cannon balls rest on the four corners of the pedestal.

The carving of the raised designs and lettering is extremely artistic, the work of an expert. The monument is placed in the square between Main, Broad, and Musgrove streets and the railroad. The side facing Broad street bears the inscription: "Our Confederate Heroes," and, lower down, "Lest we Forget." Above the inscription is a beautifully carved laurel wreath enclosing the letters, C. S. A. Higher up, on the shaft, is a Confederate flag. The opposite side, facing Musgrove street, bears a similar flag and below it the inscription, "Erected by Stephen D. Lee chapter, 1910."

CLINTON AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR AND NOW

The Clinton of today would not have been dreamed of at the close of the war. The town was not even a full-fledged village then and had no reputation. Now it bears a reputation among the towns of South Carolina which is a credit to Laurens county.

In population it has grown from about 200 inhabitants to 3,000 or more, if estimates are to be trusted.

This population in the early days was made up of a few families drawn to this point by the building of the Richmond and Danville railroad. Now there are two mill villages, Thornwell Orphanage, and the Presbyterian college, in addition to the regular population.

Nearly forty firms transact mercantile business here. There are three banks, each prosperous and solid, Bailey's Bank, M. S. Bailey, president; the First National Bank of Clinton, capitalized at \$50,000, J. S. Craig, president; the Commercial Bank of Clinton, capital \$35,000, J. D. Bell, president.

The City Building and Loan Association, secretary P. H. Boyd, and the Mutual Building and Loan association, secretary J. D. Bell, have been helpful factors in the upbuilding of the town.

There are two wholesale grocery companies, the Dixie Flour and Grain Company and the Milling Grocery company.

The Clinton Oil and Manufacturing company, president, Dr. H. L. Todd, is a big enterprise.

A big fertilizer plant is now building under the same management.

Among the manufacturing establishments are: The Clinton Ice and Fish company; the Clinton Carriage

and Garage Works, J. F. Milam owner; the D. E. Tribble Lumber company; A. B. Blakely's shops; Benjamin and Copeland's shops.

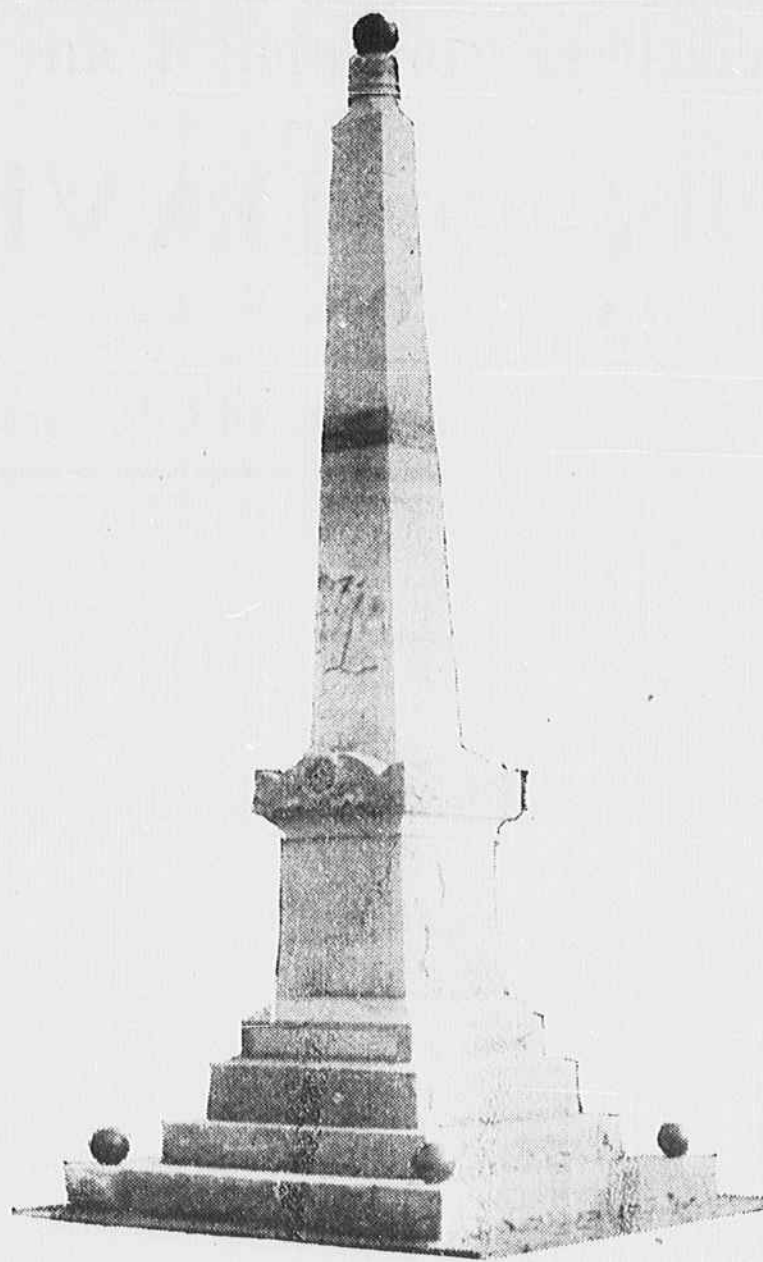
There are published in the town two weekly newspapers, the Gazette, W. J. Dendy, editor and the Chronicle, W. W. Harris, editor, and three magazines, the Thornwell Messenger, edited by the Rev. W. P. Jacobs and the Rev. J. B. Branch; Our Monthly, edited by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, the Gospel Forum, edited by the Rev. C. Lewis Fowler. Besides these Dr. Jacobs issues bi-monthly a publication called Orphan Work and the First Presbyterian church publishes every Sunday morning a leaflet, the Weekly Church News.

There are four religious denominations in the town all occupying buildings creditable to their means and numbers.

A RARE DISTINCTION

One little girl who will take part in the unveiling ceremonies tomorrow has the distinction to be the great-granddaughter of the first man who signed the Ordinance of Secession.

She is Miss Jean Wright, daughter of Mrs. George Wright, who is a daughter of Mrs. George White of Abbeville, who is a daughter of the late Col. T. C. Perrin. Col. Perrin, in behalf of Abbeville county, was the first man to affix his signature to the Ordinance of Secession.



The Confederate Monument at Clinton, Erected By the Stephen D. Lee Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy.

CLINTON MEN AS OFFICERS IN CONFEDERATE WAR COMPANIES

Capt. Langston.

Captain D. H. M. Langston was born on the Enoree side of Laurens county near Langston's church in November, 1834. He removed to Clinton in 1854 and engaged in the mercantile business with George P. Copeland under the firm name of Copeland & Langston. This business he carried on successfully until the beginning of the war when he volunteered his services to his State. In 1862 he assisted in organizing Company I, 3rd S. C. volunteers and was elected 1st Lieutenant of his company. He served in this capacity until the company was reorganized in 1862, when he was elected captain. At the battle of Savage's Station in June 1862 he was wounded three times and there was little hope of his recovery. However he was brought home and receiving careful attention, sufficiently recovered to join his command in January 1863. With his former wounds scarcely healed, he was killed at Gettysburg in July 1863 while in command of his regiment, he being the ranking captain and his superior officers disabled.

Capt. Langston participated in all the engagements of his company except those from June '62 to January '63 when he was at home wounded. He was conspicuous for his gallantry.

He was a man of charming personality and splendid business qualifications and possessed a host of friends. He was a descendant of the celebrated Dicey Langston of Revolutionary fame and his family contributed a number of heroes to the Confederate cause. One son, Mr. Yancey Langston of Seneca, South Carolina survives him.

Capt. William J. Leake.

Capt. Leake entered the service April 1861 as 1st Lieutenant, Co. B, 1st Cavalry, Hampton's Brigade. When Capt. Niles Nesbit was killed he was made Captain and commanded the company until the close of the war, surrendering at Greensboro, N. C., April 1, 1865. He is buried in the Clinton cemetery.

Captain Robt. S. Owens.

Capt. Owens was born July 1, 1826 near Sardis church, Jacks township, Laurens county, S. C.

He entered the Confederate service in April 1861 and was elected captain of Co. E, 14th S. C. Regiment.

After little more than a year of service he was wounded fighting near Richmond, in the battle of Gaines mill June 30, 1862, and died of his wounds July 11th, 1862. His remains were interred in the Clinton Presbyterian cemetery.

Capt. James H. Dunlap.

When Capt. R. S. Owens was killed 1st Lieutenant James H. Dunlap was promoted to the command of Co. F, 14th Regiment and in the words of one of his men, "a braver and more gallant soldier never led his men to battle." He was killed in battle in 1862.

Capt. B. S. Jones.

Capt. B. S. Jones was born near Clinton June 26, 1821. He enlisted in the Confederate service April 14, 1861 and was elected captain of Co. I, 3rd Regiment, first known as the "Musgrove Guards". In 1862 he entered the State senate where he served his country until the close of the war. He died Sept. 10, 1872.

COMPANY F, 14th REGIMENT

Dr. W. A. Shands says that he is sure that a larger number of Clinton men were in this company than in any other one in the Confederate army, and it is said to have been one of the finest-looking and most gallant companies. Of the one hundred and thirty men who composed it over sixty were six feet or more in height.

When the war closed sixteen men were left of the gallant band. Lieut. W. A. Shands, the only officer, surrendered the company at Appomattox.

A pathetic incident in the history of this company was the death of T. Rutledge Owens, brother to the captain. Although but fourteen years of age he enlisted in the beginning of the war and after more than two years of service was shot down at Gettysburg with the colors of the 14th regiment in his hand.

CLINTON CONFEDERATE MONUMENT WILL BE UNVEILED ON THURSDAY

Anniversary of Robt. E. Lee's Birthday Chosen Accause of Its Association and Appropriation. Exercises Begin at Ten O'clock. Address by Gen. Bonham.

Clinton, January 17.—A monument to the heroes of the Southern Confederacy will be unveiled with appropriate exercises in Clinton tomorrow. The nineteenth of January has long been a day of special interest in this town. Robert E. Lee's birthday has been regularly observed for a number of years, and the organization of Stephen D. Lee chapter U. D. C. grew out of the first of these celebrations. This year Lee's birthday has been chosen for the associations it bears as the occasion of this memorable transaction.

The exercises will be held in Copeland's Hall and around the monument, beginning at 10 o'clock. Seats will be provided on the platform and front seats for all attending veterans and it is earnestly hoped by the ladies that the old soldiers will attend in force and strengthen the young people present in a realization of what the war meant and what the monument stands for.

Invitations have been sent to veterans and daughters in Laurens and Cross Hill to attend the exercises.

The order of the program of exercises is as follows:

Music—A Southern Medley

Prayer—the Rev. Harrison Fowler.

Song—Sing me a Song of the Sunny South.

Address—Gen. M. L. Bonham of Anderson.

Song—Carolina

March led by Veterans to monument. Unveiling by 24 children of the Confederacy.

Song—Dixie.

Speech of Presentation—the Rev. W. P. Jacobs.

Speech of Acceptance—the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey.

Benediction—the Rev. Harrison Fowler.

Mr. A. E. Spencer will be master of ceremonies and Dr. W. A. Shands, marshal of the day. The music will be furnished by the Presbyterian College Glee club and Orchestra. Dr. Jacobs was selected by the ladies to present the monument to the town on account of his connection with the Confederacy, and more especially, on account of the part he has borne in the upbuilding of Clinton.

Major McMillan selected the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey to make the speech of acceptance in behalf of the town on account of Mr. Mahaffey's great enthusiasm for the monument movement from the first and his popularity as a speaker on Southern history on previous occasions.

The children who take part in the unveiling and decorating of the monument will be: Misses Jean Wright, Emily Phillips, Annette Todd, Martha Young, Mary Owens, Katherine Blakeley, Louise Pitts, Agatha Bailey, Sibyl Burdette, Mary Ruth Copeland, Nan Copeland, Lillian Barrow, John and William Neville, R. Z. Wright, William King, Ed Owens, Lowry Burdette, Leoad Blakely, James Pitts, Pres Adair, Lewis Bailey, Lewis Barrow, Hubert Boyd.

After the exercises lunch will be served all the veterans in Copeland's Hall.

FORTY-FOUR HEROES SLEEP UNDER THE SOD IN CLINTON

Forty-four Confederate veterans sleep their last sleep in Clinton soil and above each, placed there by loving and reverent hands, is the Southern Cross. Every spring their graves bloom with flowers and grow green with laurel wreaths.

Their old comrades, fewer and fewer with each succeeding year, look on the narrow houses; and their memories go back to the fields of Virginia, the coast stretches of Carolina, the glooms of prison walls; and these comrades live for them again. Each year their thin line is thinner, the green mounds are more and as they look each wonders which of his comrades will lie under the flowers and wreaths and flags next year.

Imaginative youths and wondering children pass in processions among the graves, pausing to read an inscription, to admire a floral design, or perhaps to hear words of tender reminiscence and love. And somehow, they know not how, the solemnity, the sweetness, the glory of the occasion, saturates them. The men who died and suffered and died for the freedom of their country are enveloped in a halo of glory.

Not while time lasts will Southern people forget the glory or deny the justice of the Lost Cause and its heroes. Its history and its sentiment, are infused into the air they breathe.

And hovering here and there gentle women bedew with tears those mounds which they have taught their children to deck with garlands. They too go back, far back, in memory when they visit this bivaque of the dead. Some can recall the tragedies of "news from the front," all have heard pathetic stories of those who never came back, of those who were brought back in life's prime to sleep among their fathers, of those who brought back battered, suffering bodies to handicap them through life in the terrible struggle for existence. But, composed, resigned to what must be, the daughters of the women who belted on swords and sewed war flags, and later bound up wounds, and spun and wove and knitted and sang "the Homespun Dress"

with high courage, bent into every wound healing balm. From defeat their dauntless spirits watched victory. Were ever women in the history of the world prouder of red tender to their heroes? When their conquerors would brand as traitors these martyrs to a fallen cause, Southern women canonized them. To the women of the South is due the feeling that no inscription on a man's tomb reflects more glory on him than, "He was a Confederate soldier."

Clinton's honored Confederate dead

Capt. R. S. Owens
Capt. B. S. Jones
Capt. W. J. Leake
Lieut. N. S. Harris
Lieut. W. A. Rose
Lieut. Jas. M. Wright
Sergeant S. F. Vane
Sergeant E. T. Copeland
Sergeant W. B. Bell
Sergeant D. L. Amley
Dr. J. J. Rooper
R. B. Blakely
E. H. Bourn
R. R. Barr
Dr. J. T. Craig
G. D. Copeland
James Dean
John A. Ferguson
E. C. Farr
N. A. Green
R. S. Griffin
Dr. T. Y. Harris
A. Henry
D. M. Little
Frank McKelvey
John McKelvey
J. T. McKelvey
E. M. Morgan
R. W. Milner
R. S. Prather
John A. Ruff
Perry Patton
A. Spencer
Jerry Young
John Young
R. N. S. Young
W. T. Vance
W. S. Pearson
J. P. Dillard
J. W. Adair
Geo. W. Moore
R. M. Blalock